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Dear Tom,

You invited me to chair a small informal group of Peers to let you have high level pre-legislative comments on the Draft Energy Bill. We had neither the resources nor the time to conduct normal pre-legislative scrutiny. We operated informally with only outline minutes and did so over three weeks with six meetings. Given the shortness of the notice and other commitments few members of the group were able to attend all meetings. Interests of group members are declared at the end of this letter. In addition to myself the members were Lord Dixon Smith, Lord Grantchester, Lord Jenkin, Lord Judd, Lord Lawson, Baroness Maddock, Lord Roper, Lord Teverson, Lord Whitty and Baroness Worthington to all of whom I express my thanks for their full and cooperative participation.

Two of our meetings were devoted to hearing evidence from four expert witnesses whom we were able to question in some detail. We also received a number of letters from interested parties and had access to the oral and written evidence submitted to the Commons Energy and Climate Change Committee. That said, we did not have time to fully digest it all. We have not seen the Commons' report. Like that committee we have restricted our observations to those parts of the Bill that bear directly on the reform of the electricity market.

We are grateful to the Bill Team for their patient help and numerous explanations and briefings and to the Minister's office for support for the work of our group.

Yours ever,  
